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WASHING MACHINE

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DE 199 47 307 C1 discloses that the control program section involves rotating the drum at a speed at which the washing no longer adjoins the drum jacket as a result of a centrifugal force. During the control program section, the process involves monitoring the disintegration of a laundry ring formed during spinning on the inner drum wall. The monitoring takes place through an evaluation of the signal or the dynamic signal proportion of a position, force or acceleration sensor connected to the washing solution container.

DE 41 15 776 A1 discloses a process and the process is for rinsing and spinning laundry in a program- controlled washing machine. After the ending of the main wash, the washing solution is initially pumped off and intermediate spinning is carried out at 1,000 rpm. The drum speed is then lowered to 100 rpm and a specific amount of rinsing water is sprayed into the drum while the pump is switched off. The drum is subsequently brought to a speed of 800-1,000 rpm and the washing solution pump is switched on. After several such rinsing and spinning procedures, the washing is redistributed by means of reducing the drum speed while an increased amount of rinsing water is injected into the drum. After the redistribution, the drum speed is again raised to 800-1,000 rpm and additional rinsing and spinning processes are carried out in the same way.

DE 101 32 199 C1 discloses a procedure for centrifugal processing of laundry in a washing machine or a wash dryer with a drum for receiving laundry. The machine having at least two ranges which are rotating with different speed both in the same direction with same speed or in an opposite sense. The machine having a rotational drive means for rotating in the same direction of the drum ranges with same speed and for oppositional rotation or for rotation with different speed of the drum ranges. The procedure containing at least one centrifugal peak running at a specified rotational speed during which the laundry rests against the drum sleeve and at least one centrifugal peak running phase with oppositional rotation of the drum or with rotation with various speeds.

DE 199 08 363 A1 discloses that the input element (2-8) is prepared for the inputting of data and/or parameters in an initial operation while a second operation is for actual inputting. The input element is an operating element (2-8), which is a coding switch (6) and/or a selection switch (7). A guide for operating the switches can be displayed on the operating panel (1).

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